

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)
 IRICK, JR. ET AL.)
 Serial No.: 09/662,965) Group Art Unit: 1712
 Filed: September 15, 2000) Examiner: SHORT, P.
 For: "METHODS FOR SLOWING THE)
 DEGRADATION RATE OF BIODEGRADABLE)
 POLYMERS AND BIODEGRADABLE POLYMER)
 POLYMER COMPOSITIONS AND)
 COMPOSITIONS THEREOF")

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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 VIA FACSIMILE 703-308-2395
 Attention: Examiner P. Short
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

NEEDLE & ROSENBERG, P.C.
 Customer Number 23859

August 8, 2003

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that an extension of time for the period indicated below be granted in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136 to take action required in the application identified in the caption, as reflected by the papers submitted herewith:

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Respectfully submitted,

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